## **Public Transit**

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#### **Program Goal**

Public transit means access to jobs, school, shopping, church, family and friends. Public transit means reduced air pollution, congestion, and commuting stress. Public transit means dedicated staff developing creative solutions and exciting new services. Public transit links people and communities while enhancing the quality of life in the Valley.

The City of Phoenix is a member of the Valley Metro system. Valley Metro members work together to promote seamless, efficient, convenient public transit service across city boundaries.

"Public Transit - It's How You Get There"

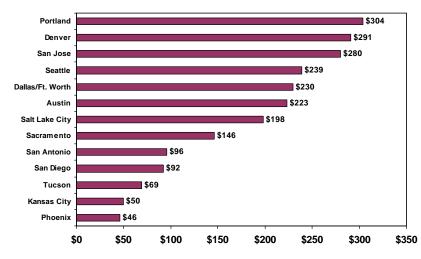
#### **Key Services**

- Local bus service 15-18 hours a day, seven days a week
- •Dial-a-Ride service provided for persons with disabilities, seniors, and those eligible for ADA services
- •Bus Rapid Transit service an enhanced express service for commuters traveling to and from Phoenix central business corridor to start in 2003
- •Light Rail Transit service an efficient mass transit option planned to start in 2006.

- •Circulator service –smaller vehicles that move people to community destinations in residential areas or throughout a defined business-oriented area
- •Transit centers and facilities new transit centers built and existing facilities upgraded
- •Other transportation improvements additional bus bays, bike lanes and left turn arrows
- •Support services radio communications, security, trip planning, marketing and customer service

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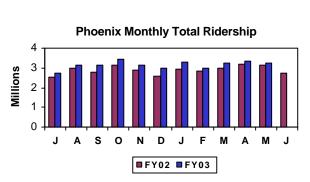
### **Amount Spent on Transit Per City Resident**

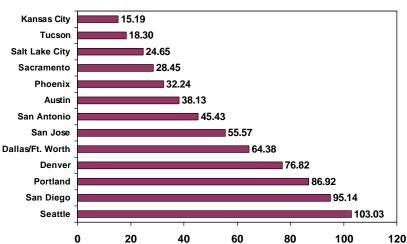




#### **Annual Ridership (in millions)**

### Source: 2000 National Transit Database

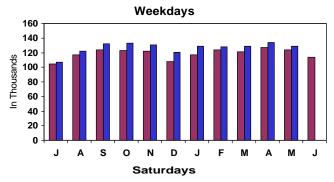




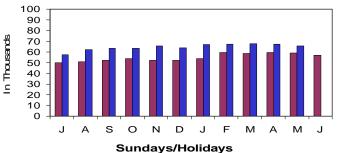
# Local Bus (Fixed Route) Ridership

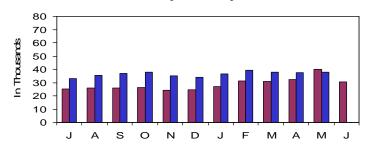
### **AVERAGE DAILY RIDERSHIP**

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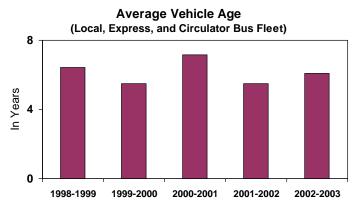


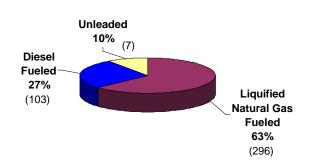






## **Vehicle Statistics**





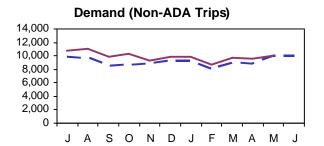


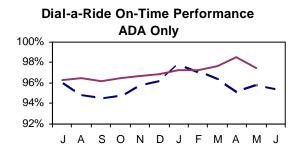
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## **Phoenix Dial-a-Ride**

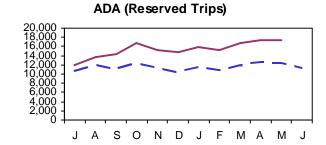


**Demand Service:** Phoenix elected to provide dialaride transportation services that exceed what is required by the ADA. Dialaride demand service provides shared-ride public transit to seniors and persons with disabilities who do not qualify for ADA service or who are not ADA certified.

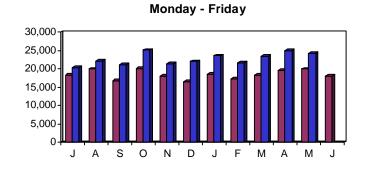


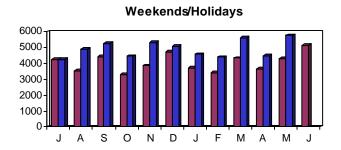


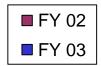
ADA Service: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 requires public transportation agencies to provide paratransit service - which complements regular fixed-route service - for individuals who do not have the functional ability to ride public transit buses. Dial-a-Ride ADA service provides shared-ride public transit that complies with the requirements of the ADA.



## **Dial-a-Ride Ridership**

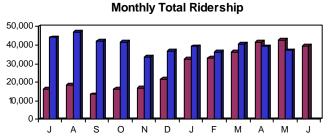








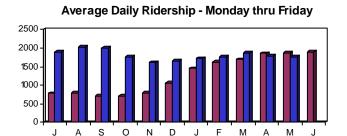
# **Copper Square DASH (Downtown Area Shuttle)**

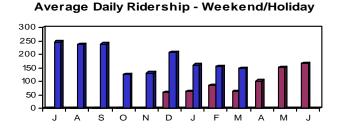






Weekend/holiday service began in December 2001



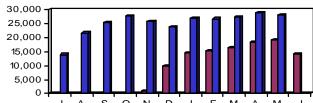


# **ALEX (Ahwatukee Local Explorer)**





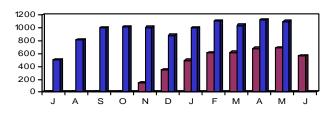
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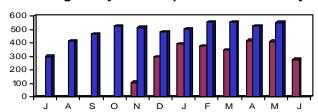
**Monthly Ridership** (in thousands)

ALEX service was implemented November 23, 2001.

### Average Daily Ridership - Monday thru Friday



Average Daily Ridership - Weekend/Holiday

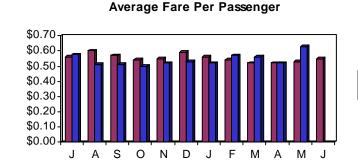


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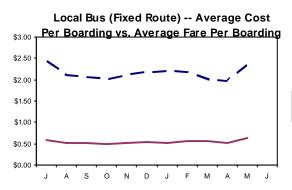
	2001	1995	1991	1986
Average Age (years)	34.3	32.8	32.8	31.7
Average Education (years)	13.1	12.8	13.2	12.8
Male	50%	49%	50%	45%
Female	50%	51%	50%	55%
Employed (at least part-time)	75%	72%	68%	70%
Annual household income	54%	49%	57%	46%

## **Bus Fare Information**

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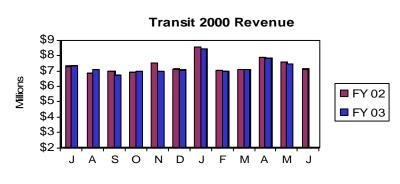


Cost per Boarding
Fare per Boarding



# **Transit 2000 Revenue Report**

(0.4% Sales Tax Collections only - does not include farebox recovery or other funding sources)







Transit 2000 Revenue FY 03 Target vs. Actual

T-2000 Plan
Target
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Trip Destinations	2001	1995	1991	1986	1980	1976
Home	25%	43%	36%	42%	41%	34%
Work	40%	24%	30%	29%	28%	24%
Middle/High School (a)	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	5%
Shopping (b)	6%	6%	10%	8%	14%	16%
Personal/Recreational	8%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%
Medical Appointment	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
College/University	4%	2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	7%	8%	11%	11%	5%	21%

<sup>(</sup>a) Prior to 2001, this option was titled "School"

### **Comments/Highlights**

**Metro Magazine Recognition** – The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department has been named one of the 10 most improved transit systems in the United States by Metro Magazine, an industry publication. Increased ridership, Sunday service and RAPID rollout were cited in the article.

**Valley Metro Rail Naming** – The public was asked to submit names for the new light rail service scheduled to begin construction later this year. A committee representing the cities of Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe and Glendale, Valley Metro Rail and Valley Metro condensed the choices from over 7,000 to nine. The names will be tested through focus groups and other means. The following names are being considered by the Valley Metro Rail board:

A-Train (Arizona Train)

Silverlink

Sol Rail

MARC (Maricopa/Metro Area Rail Connection) Via MAX (Metro Area Express) V-Train

Railrunner

<sup>(</sup>b) Prior to 2001, this option was titled "Shopping/Errands"